

**Isle of Bute Trust (IOBT) Trustees Meeting:19.30 on 3 Dec 15 (Black Bull)**

**AGENDA**

| <b>Attendance</b>       |                     |                                       |
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| <b>Name</b>             | <b>Representing</b> | <b>Role</b>                           |
| Alisdair Johnston (ADJ) | IOBT                | Project Officer/Temp Chairman         |
| Marlene Hill (MH)       | For Bute            | Trustee – Small Business              |
| Iain Donald (ID)        | IOBT                | Trustee - Treasurer                   |
| Jean Moffat (JM)        | IOBT                | Trustee –Publicity/Kilchattan Bay/BCC |
| Alasdair Green          | Self                | Observer                              |

| <b>Item</b>                   | <b>Discussion</b>  | <b>Decision/Action by</b>   |
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| <b>1. Introduction</b>        | <b>ADJ.</b> No apologies had been received.  |   |
| <b>2. Actions Outstanding</b> |  |   |
| a. Calendar                   | <b>ADJ.</b> The Bute Calendar has had a mixed reception. However, an equitable deal had been reached with Print Point for its production.  | <b>ADJ/AII.</b> Continue with production.   |
| b. TCCCF Outcome              | <b>ADJ.</b> The Scottish Government had turned down the BCC bid for both (linked) projects (ambulance shelter and upgrade to Victoriana). The meeting discussed the merits of going it alone with the Ambulance shelter. More sources of funding would be required. MH offered match funding from For Bute. Bute Estate should be approached, and the feasibility of other funding sources explored. | <b>ADJ.</b> Refine costings of Ambulance shelter; approach BCC and A&B council for support/waiver to the planning fees.<br><br><b>MH.</b> Thanks!<br><br><b>JM.</b> To approach COO of Bute Estate to enlist support. |
| <b>3. Finance</b>             | <b>ID.</b> We have a healthy cash position due to the Hamilton Legacy.   |   |
| <b>4. BCC Update.</b>         | <b>JM.</b> The Syrian refugee issue had created a great deal of discord.   | <b>AII.</b> The IOBT has no formal position on the issue – thus any Trustee commenting should do so in a private capacity.  |
| <b>5. Existing Projects</b>   |  |   |
| a. Empty Shops.               | <b>ADJ</b> Café – way forward. Some muscle is required, both to move machinery and to remove detritus. ADJ will continue to chip away at the café, and will ask for help from other trustees as necessary.<br><br><b>MH.</b> McIntyre Butcher (Montague Street). The owner, who lived in Edinburgh, had refused to allow her contact details to be passed to IOBT.                                   | <b>ADJ/AII.</b><br><br><br><br><br><b>ID.</b> Would draft a letter for Buteman editor. (express concern over the “don’t care” attitude of absentee shopowners.  |

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|   | Slaven's Fishmonger was an eyesore, despite applications (and offers of help) from other traders to tidy up the exterior.   | <b>MH</b> to speak.   |
| <b>6. Proposed New Projects.</b><br><br><b>a. Victorian Toilets.</b><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><b>b. Pop-Up Shop.</b>                  | <p><b>ADJ.</b> IOBT could afford to make the Victorian Toilets accessible 24/7 which would have a clear benefit to the tourist industry and the town. Until the A&amp;B council's funding review was complete, it would be imprudent to commit our funds to a building which might be closed to the public. No result from the A&amp;B funding review was expected until Feb 16. Meantime, Victoriana was onside, and a tradesman standing by.</p> <p>Alan Kay of A&amp;B council had informed us that the council had formally declared the property in question "Surplus to requirements". They would advertise it for sale or lease early in the new year – at which point we could express an interest.</p> | <p><b>All.</b> – Wait and see.</p> <p><b>All.</b> – Wait and see.</p> |
| <b>7. Publicity and Fundraising</b>   | <p><b>JM/All.</b></p> <p>Funding was available from a wide range of sources, including, potentially the EU. We needed to cast our net wide -Alison Johnston of Bute Advice Centre had some expertise in this, and had offered to help with sign posting.</p>  |   |
| <b>8. AOB</b><br><br><b>Bute Young Entrepreneur (of year?)</b><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><b>a. Date of Next meeting. Thu 21 Jan 16</b> | <p><b>ID.</b> Had developed an idea for sponsoring young (under 30!) entrepreneurs on the island. It was felt that this idea had legs (the key being publicity) and should be explored.</p>   | <p><b>ID.</b> Circulate paper.</p> <p><b>All.</b></p>                 |